

Small Group Study Guide, Week of October 13, 2024

Ephesians 4:17-5:2; “New Clothes in Christ”

Q: How should God’s children walk with Christ to grow in spiritual maturity?

Big Idea: Put away the old and put on the new.

Ice Breaker: Tell about a memorable time when you received a gift of new clothes.

Dig:

1. From vv17-19, how do the mind, heart, and conscience influence the actions of non-believers? What are the implications for believers in how they see themselves? In how they see non-believers?

2. Fill in the table:

Reference	Old Self	New Self	Implications
Vv22-24	Corrupted by deceitful desires	Created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness	Old self was so corrupt it required a creative act of God to make the new self

(Use back if you need more spaces)

Apply:

3. What is one way you have seen the contrast of the “old” and “new” self in your own life? Where do you sense you are making progress in your Christian life at the moment?
4. Of the different pictures of what it means to live as a Christian, which means most to you and why? a) putting off? b) putting on? c) imitating God as his “dearly loved” child (v5:1)?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)